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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD FORUM ON AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

**BIG SPRING, TEXAS, March 15, 2005** – Bryan Daniel, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development, announced today that a series of forums will be conducted for rural communities throughout the state of Texas. The forums are free to the public and speakers will provide information to all interested individuals and entities about the various housing, community, and business and cooperative programs available through USDA Rural Development.

The forum for Howard, Borden, Dawson, Martin, Gaines and Andrews Counties will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2005, from 10:00 a.m., until noon at the Howard County Library Conference Room, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Texas.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texas, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditional underserved portions of the population. Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life for rural Texans," said Daniel.

Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development is committed to enhance the quality of life in rural communities by improving the flow of capital to businesses and addressing the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, please call USDA Rural Development in Lubbock, Texas, at (806) 785-5644 Ext. 4.

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